to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the financial year ending 31st day of March 1974, in respect of Demand No. 31 'Public Works.' "

" That a sum not exceeding Rs. 4,26,31,000 inclusive of the sum granted 'on account' be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the financial year ending 31st day of March 1974 in respect of Demand No. 31-A 'Capital Outlay on Public Works (within the Revenue Account).' "

" That a sum not exceeding Rs. 23,02,000 inclusive of the sum granted 'on account' be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the financial year ending 31st day of March 1974, in respect of Demand No. '32 (Ports and Pilotage.' "

" That a sum not exceeding Rs. 96,00,000, inclusive of the sum granted 'on account' be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the financial year ending 31st day of March 1974, in respect of Demand No. 46 'Capital Outlay on Irrigation, etc. (Non-Commercial).' "

" That a sum not exceeding Rs. 28,39,000 inclusive of the sum granted 'on account' be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the financial year ending 31st day of March 1974, in respect of Demand No. 47 'Capital Outlay on Electricity Schemes.' "

" That a sum not exceeding Rs. 9,11,83,000 inclusive of the sum granted 'on account' be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the financial year ending 31st day of March 1974, in resepect of Demand No. 48 'Capital Outlay on Public Works.' "

" That a sum not exceeding Rs. 30,74,000 inclusive of the sum granted 'on account' be granted to the Government to dafray the charges which will come in course of payment during the financial year ending 31st day of March 1974' in respect of Demand No. 50 'Development of Minor Ports.' "

" That a sum not exceeding Rs. 7,64,000 inclusive of the sum granted 'on account' be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the financial year ending 31st day of March 1974, in respect of Demand No. 50—A 'Capital Outlay on Road and Water Transport Schemes.' "

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(i) *re* : deaths due to drinking illicit liquors

MADAM SPEAKER.—Now Calling attention notice by Sri T. R. Shamanna.

Sri T. R SHAMANNA (Fort).—I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the death of some persons as a result of drinking illicit liquor.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA (Minister for Industries) [ON BEHALF OF THE CHIEF MINISTER].—I state as follows :

1. Khadar Shariff Garden is a slum in the limits of Wilson Garden Police Station. D'Souza Garden is also a slum in the limits of Kalasipalyam Police Station. These slums are located off Lalbagh Road at a distance of about two furlongs from each other.

2. On 16-4-1973 at about 10 A.M. one Sri Angamuthu, s/o Muniswamy, Corporator, 38th Division, Bangalore, appeared at Wilson Garden Police Station and gave a report stating that 3 deaths had occurred at Khadar Sheriff Garden due to consumption of French Polish. French Polish was stated to have been consumed on 13-4-1973 which was Tamil New Year Day. On receipt of this report a case in Wilson Garden Police Station Cr. No. 106/73 U/S. 174 Cr. P. C. was registered and investigation was commenced. Detailed investigation has disclosed the following facts :

3. The slum dwellers of Khader Sheriff Garden and D'Souza Garden are in the habit of consuming cheap liquor though licenced arrack and toddy shops are located close by. On 13-4-1973 a number of people from Khader Sheriff Garden and D'Souza Garden are said to have consumed drinks made out of French Polish. Investigation, howevr, reveals that they consumed denatured spirit. As a result of the consumption of this spirit, one person is said to have died on 14-4-1973. On 15-4-1973, four persons died, two in Victoria Hospital and two in D'Souza Garden. No information about these deaths was however, passed on to the Police, either on 14-4-1973 or on 15-4-1973.

4. On 16-4-1973, 5 persons died, three of them in the Victoria Hospital and two at Khader Sheriff Garden.

The following are the details of persons who are alleged to have consumed denatured spirit and died due to its ill-effects :—

Date of death	Name of the persons died	Whether in the Hospital or otherwise
14-4-1973	(1) Chedian, 40 years of K. S. Garden.	Khader Sheriff Garden.
15-4-1973	(2) Muniamma w/o Armugam 44 years of K. S. Garden.	do
	(3) Muniswamy S/o Periappan of K. S. Garden.	do
	(4) Mariamma W/o Ponnaswamy 45 years of D'Souza Garden.	Died in the Hospital.
	(5) Yesudas, S/o Ponnaswamy 25 years of D'Souza Garden.	do
16-4-1973	(6) Kannan, S/o Chinnathambi, 25 years of D'Souza Garden.	Khadar Sheriff Garden.
	(7) Velu S/o Parvatham, 60 years.	do
	(8) Vadivelu, aged 45 years of K. S. Garden.	Died in the Hospital.
	(9) Parvathi W/o Annamalai, 45 years of K. S. Garden.	do
	(10) Armugam, S/o Muniyan, 45 years of K. S. Garden.	do

No inquest could be held on the dead bodies of the first two persons as the Police was not intimated about their death. Their bodies were quietly burried. The Investigation Officer has been directed to get the bodies exhumed and hold inquest and to subject the bodies to postmortem examination. In respect of the remaining 8 persons, *i.e.*, Sl. No. 3 to 10 inquest were held and bodies were subjected to postmortem examination. The Professor of Forensic Medicine was requested to preserve the viscera of the deceased and send it to the Chemical Examiner for analysis and opinion.

5. On 15-4-1973, two persons *viz.*, Mariamma and Yesudas from D'Souza Garden were admitted in the Victoria Hospital with the history of chest and abdominal pains. They expired in the Hospital on 15-4-1973 as mentioned in para 4 above. Intimation about their deaths was received in Kalasipalyam Police Station on 16-4-1973.

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6. On 16-4-1973 the following 7 persons were admitted in Victoria Hospital with the history of having consumed "French Polish" on 13-4-1973 at 7-30 P.M.

(1) Vadivelu, aged 45 years,

(2) Parvathi, W/o Annamalai, aged 45 years,

(3) Armugam, S/o Muniyan, 45 years,

(4) Pothan, S/o Muniya, aged 45 years,

(5) Kannamma, W/o Karuppan, aged 30 years,

(6) Janaki W/o Selvaraj, aged 30 years,

(7) Annamalai, S/o Muthan, aged 60 years.

all from Khader Sheriff Garden.

As mentioned in para 4 above, Sl. No. 1 to 3 expired in Victoria Hospital on 16-4-1973. The remaining four persons from Sl. No. 4 to 7 are progressing in the Victoria Hospital. However, Sl. No. 5 Kannamma is stated to have suffered some damage to the eyes as a result of which her eye sight is said to be weak.

7. The Police Department and the Excise Department are conducting detailed investigations to ascertain the source of supply of denatured spirit which resulted in this illegal consumption and these unfortunate deaths. Government has issued instructions to both these departments that the cases should be investigated with great care and the culprits brought to book.

8. The problem of illicit distillation and the consumption of illicit drinks has been in existence for several years. Government has set up a Special unit under the Excise Commissioner under the control of a Deputy Inspector General of Police for dealing with the problem and progressively eliminating these illegal practices. During the course of 1972 it was brought to Government's notice that a large number of permits and licences which were being issued for the supply of denatured spirit ostensibly for the manufacture of French Polish, Brake-fluid and Thinner were in fact being misused and were being diverted for illegal and illicit consumption. Accordingly, Government issued instructions to the Excice Commissioner to exercise strickest possible control on the issue of such supplies and to prevent from reaching *mala fide* hands. The Instructions issued cover the following points :—

(1) The Excise Officers were instructed to undertake physical examination of the premises to find out which were bonafied manufacturers ;

(2) The practice of giving a variety of licences to the same persons was discontinued ;

(3) The supply of denatured spirit for the manufacture of brake fluid was ordered to be discontinued as technical opinion was received that denatured spirit was not required for the purpose ;

(4) A definite formula for the manufacture of thinners and insulating varnish was ordered to be prepared so that only requisite quantity of denaured spirit was made available ;

(5) The supply of danatured spirit was ordered to be suspended in all cases where irregularites were found and accounts were not maintained ;

(6) The quotas to the manufacturers were ordered to be reduced wherever they were found to be excessive ;

(7) Strict instructions were issued to ensure that the rectified spirit which left the distilleries was properly converted into denatured spirit in accordance with the Mysore Excise (Denatured Spirit and Denatured Spirituous Preparations) Rules, 1967 ;

9. The Excise Commissioner has been carrying out these instructions and has progressively tightened the control over the issue of denatured spirit.

10. As against 16,80,324 litres of denatured spirit issued during 1971-72, the supplies made during 1972-73 was 5,08,764. Thus it may be seen that the supplies made in 1972-73 were drastically reduced. In view of the continued misuse of denatured spirit, Government is issuing instructions to the Excise Commissioner to reduce supplies even further and to ensure that they reach only *bona fide* manufacturers. Such supplies will be made strictly in accordance with the recommendations of the Director of Industries and Commerce.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಆರ್. ಶಾಮಣ್ಣ.—ಈಗ ಬೇರೆ ಬೇರೆ ಮಾರ್ಗಗಳನ್ನು ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸಿ ಕಳ್ಳಭಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ತಯಾರುಮಾಡಿ ಅನೇಕರು ಸಾಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿಸ್ಮಮ್ಸ್ ಬಹಳ ಜಾಸ್ತಿಯಾಗಿವೆ. ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಸ್ಮಮ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ರೀತಿ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ? ಈ ವಿಚಾರ ಪೋಲೀಸಿನವರಿಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿದ್ದರೂ ಅನೇಕ ಕಡೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರೇ ಲಂಚ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಉತ್ಪೇಜನ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆಂಬುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ? ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸೂಕ್ತ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳದಿದ್ದರೆ ಅನೇಕ ಸಾವುಗಳು ಆಗುತ್ತವೆಂಬುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಕೃಷ್ಣ.—1971-72ನೇ ಇಸವಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 16ಲಕ್ಷ ಲೀಟರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಡಿನೇಚರ್ಡ್ ಸ್ಪಿರಿಟ್ಟಿಗೋಸ್ಕರ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. 1972-73ನೇ ಇಸವಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 5 ಲಕ್ಷ ಲೀಟರ್‌ಗೆ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಯಾಗಿದ್ದಿತು. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಮಿಸ್‌ಯೂಜ್ ಆಗುತ್ತಾ ಇರುವುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿದು ಅದನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪಿಸಬೇಕೆಂಬ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಒಂದು ನಿರ್ಧಾರವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. 1973-74ನೇ ಇಸವಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಅಂದಾಜು ಪ್ರಕಾರ 5 ಲಕ್ಷ ಲೀಟರ್‌ಗಿಂತಲೂ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ. ಕೆಲವು ಸ್ಮಮ್ ಏರಿಯಾಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲ್ಲಿಸಿಟ್ ಡಿಸ್ಟಿರೇಷನ್ ಬಹಳವಾಗಿ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಅದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸೂಕ್ತ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಈ ಒಂದು ಸಂಬಂಧದಲ್ಲಿ ಪೋಲೀಸಿನವರೂ ಸಹ ಜೊತೆಯಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಎಕ್ಸೈಜ್ ಡಿಪಾರ್ಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಸ್ಪೆಷಲ್ ಸೆಲ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಪೋಲೀಸಿನವರ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಳ್ಳಭಟ್ಟಿ ತಯಾರುಮಾಡುವವರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏನೇನು

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ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಗಳನ್ನು ಈಗ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೋ ಅದನ್ನು ಕಿತ್ತುಹಾಕಬೇಕು. ದುರಾದೃಷ್ಟವಶಾತ್ ಈಗ ಅನೇಕರಿಗೆ ಇದರಿಂದ ಕಷ್ಟ ಬಂದಿರುವುದರಿಂದ, ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಕ್ಕೂ ತೀವ್ರತೆಯನ್ನು ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏರ್ಪಾಡು ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.

11-30 P.M.

(*ii*) *re* : **Inconvenience to Patients at the Government Dental Hospital at Bangalore**

Sri B. G. BANAKAR (Hirekerur).—I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Public Health to the inconvenience caused to the patients due to delay is giving treatment in Government Dental Hospital (College) at Bangalore.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Public Health).—I state as follows :

The Dental College at Bangalore was started during the year 1958-59 in the out-patient Department of the Victoria Hospital, Bangalore, with an admission strength of 10 students only with 4 Dental Units and 5 Dental Chairs. The New Dental College buildings were constructed at an approximate cost of Rs. 17 lakhs and were occupied during 1963. The following Departments in the variour specialities in Dentistry have been established with full time Professors in each Department :—

(i) Oral Medicine Diognosis and Rodiology ;
(ii) Oral Pathology ;
(iii) Periodontia ;
(iv) Oral Surgery ;
(v) Orthodentia ;
(vi) Operative Dentistry ;
(vii) Prosthetics ; and
(viii) Public Health Dentistry

2. During the years 1965-66 and 1966-67, Post-Greduate Course in Orthodentia ; periodentia and oral surgery (M.D.S.) were introduced with an admission strength of 5 students per course each year. During the same year *i. e.* 1968-69, auxilliary courses, *viz.* Dental Mechanics, Dental Hygientists, were also started and a service clinic was opened to provide better and early treatment to the needy public. During 1969-70, Post-Graduate Course in Public Health Dentistry and oral Medicine Diagnosis and Radiology have been started and the admission strength of undergraduate students have been raised from 30 to 40 per